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After investigating protest by local Berlin Press Association to President Berlin House of Representatives, House Committee on Police has concluded that police did not exceed their responsibilities as given them or inadmissably infringe press rights in connection action taken at time of Doenitz release in vicinity Spandau Prison. Committee reached decision after hearing statements by Deputy Mayor Amrehn and Police President Stumm that police had been given task by British Public Safety officials of preventing any hindrance to departure of Doenitz from prison.

Press Association has characterized Committee statement as absolutely unsatisfactory, which will have as consequence subordination of press freedom to police discretion.

Although press rumblings will probably continue, matter may now presumably be considered officially closed.

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